

CLARKSVILLE
WEEKLY CHRONICLE.

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LOCAL bills went rushing in the legislature this week.

AN effort has been made to pass the Pension bill over the President's veto.

WE hope the man who counterfeited one of the sermons of Talmage was not an editor.

NATURAL gas is reported in a well 104 feet deep about a quarter of a mile west of Dickson.

THE Springfield Record speaks in high terms of Judge Munford and Attorney General Elliott as prompt and efficient public officers.

GIVE us this day our daily stranger, says the Alabama boomer. Let us unite in a prayer, says the Tennessee editor who is "pased to supervision."

THE man who said there was more fools than human being in the world must have counted extra the early-york editors who advocate plunder "without supervision."

FEDERAL appropriations without Federal supervision is like the old Georgian's idea of paying the national debt in 1868—he was for paying it in paper money, and "was agin redemption."

Puck:—It is said that the czar gets up every morning with war in his heart, but after he has had about four witski cocktails, gentle peace begins to spread her wings.

THE Avalanche intimates very strongly that Bob Taylor accepted the Democratic nomination for Governor with a "mental reservation." He has not been read out of the party—but his treachery can be "seen and read of all men."

THE name Key West is an English corruption of the Spanish name of the island, Cayo Hueso, meaning "Bone Island," just as the name Saragossa, in Spain, is a corruption of Cesar Augustus, the name of the original Roman colony or town.

WHEN Frank James paid the freight on a box of goods the other day from McCook, Neb., to Independence, Mo., he immediately appeared before a justice of the peace, and with tears in his eyes, solemnly swore that he never before knew what train robbery meant.

COURIER-Journal: If the President will adhere to the principles laid down in his last two messages, he will find the party gathering about him as it has never done before, and he will soon be able to lead it out of the woods into the bright light of constitutional liberty and perfect peace.

THE bill to extend the corporate limits of Clarksville so as to take in the Passenger Depot of the L. & N. railroad, and also the bill providing for the corporation to collect its own privileges were passed on third reading in the House and went to the Senate on the 23rd.

THIS collecting taxes into the treasury and shoveling out the money "without supervision" is very much like the Port Royal man who strung his fish without tying a knot in the end of the string—as fast as he "strung 'em" on one end they dropped off of the other.

Morton's Union City Advance: Gov. Taylor's views seem to have undergone quite a change within the last few months, if we compare his inaugural address with his recent message to the Legislature. From being the prosperous people as depicted in the former, we are made to appear as objects of charity in the latter. He seems as hard to prognosticate as an April sky.

A churn-headed editor of a patent-side paper in a dreary country village sitting on a rush-bottomed (rushed out) chair in front of "his office" waiting for a Federal "appropriation without Federal supervision," evinces a faith in the impossible as strong as that of a sap-headed youngster who marries and expects to set his body on a stump and let the wood-peckers feed it simply because the wood-pecker is red-headed and so is the baby.

THE editor of the Humboldt Messenger has "turned his eyes to Washington" for Federal aid, instead of "turning his eyes for a month or so to reading the constitution as well as the Democratic platform. If the public money must be absolutely scattered "without supervision" why not give into the hands of Prof. Blair-bill Smith and let him open a school in Humboldt for the benefit of the Messenger.

AN editor who knows as much law as Dogberry and reasons in favor of the Blair bill on Dogberry's style ought to go the whole Dogberry platform and declare that

"To be a well favored man is the gift of fortune; But to write and read comes by nature."

The rain is falling pit-a-pat
Pretending gentle Spring.
Subscribers too are paying up
Which makes the printer sing.

Private—That third line is a good joke on the subscriber—if he could see it. If he will call the next time he comes to town we'll explain it with a diagram.

AFTER an exciting trial before the County Judge in Russellville, Ky., this week, Bob Gorham was released on a \$2,000 bond. He killed Lafayette Traugher in Adairville on the 12th in a fight in which Traugher used a pistol and Gorham used a shot gun. They were both "bad men to project with," when out of humor.

Neal's State Gazette: Governor Taylor has made satisfactory arrangements to get along very comfortably without the Nashville American and Lou McWhirter.

Yes, Colonel Tom, Robert now sleeps in Col. Colyar's trundle-bed and Brer Alf sings to him about the Tal-la-poosa and that other little song that Brer Rabbit used to sing to Brer Possum:

"This world goes 'round an' 'round,
And some goes up, and some goes down."

Courier-Journal: Gov. Taylor's message, which was sent to the Tennessee Legislature excited considerable attention, owing to its position on educational questions. If it were possible to "snatch him baldheaded" the opponents of the Blair in the House and Senate would at once proceed to perform that act with pleasure, owing to his leaning toward that iniquitous measure.

MANY a poet has put his hardest work into a long poem, wishing thus to give his name to posterity and make it immortal. He may succeed, but is likely to fail. The large work stands desolate, distinguished by nothing but its size, while his fame is connected with a verse or line, the production of which caused him no effort, and hardly a thought. A line full of soul is better than a volume without it.

HON. R. H. BURNETT, one of our Montgomery county representative, has had an attack of measles. A private letter informs us that he had improved so as to occupy his seat Tuesday. He is needed in the house, of which he is a leading member. Our other representative, Hon. B. J. Corban is always on duty. He has made no Buncombe speeches, but he is making one of the most faithful and able representatives that Montgomery county has ever sent to the legislature.

Avalanche:—The editor of the Pulaski Citizens avoids the use of words whose use should be confined to the pulpit, but he gets there just the same when he denounces the statement that Gov. Taylor is not a Democrat as "a livid, limping, lurid lie."

Hold up there, Colonel! Who ever said Gov. Taylor was not a Democrat? Maybe it's Alf you are talking about, he is no Democrat, but his brother Bob is a bald-headed Democrat after Col. Colyar's own heart—he's, no doubt the pride of the place he left—and it's a pity he ever left it. By the way, Colonel, your friend Littleton intimates that Robert has "difflicated from the converage," and that must mean something awfully mean.

If "our Rob" could only write like President Cleveland what a blessing he would be to the people of Tennessee. When the plan to rob the treasury under the "pension" plea was presented to Mr. Cleveland he used these words of solid sense: I can find no warrant for such an appropriation in the Constitution, and I do not believe that the power and duty of the General Government ought to be extended to the relief of individual suffering, which is in no manner properly related to the public service or benefit. A prevalent tendency to disregard the limitation of this power and duty, should, I think, be steadfastly resisted to the end that the lesson should be constantly enforced that, though the people support the Government, the Government should not support the people.

Obion Democrat:—Gov. Taylor's messages of which our Nashville correspondent furnished us a synopsis last week, fell with a "dull thud" on many of his constituents' ears. To a large number of Democrats it was not at all a pleasing document, but to a certain few it was as pleasant as the enchanting music of the Pied Piper that led the rats of Hamelin town into the river Weser. The truth is, Gov. Taylor is making himself very unpopular with a large number of Democrats who consider that he has changed his base, so to speak, and that his utterances as Gov. Taylor do not consist with his declarations as candidate Taylor.

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THE signs already indicate that interested politicians on both sides will by trying to heat the summer air with fine newspaper articles in discussing prohibition and anti-prohibition.

We would prefer our share of such back-number patriotism in the form of out-door speeches, while our printers are better engaged in setting up articles calculated to promote the material interests of our tax-burdened people. A little "gush" goes a long way with a newspaper man who pays for setting the type.

If the following, addressed to a member of the Indiana legislature, fits any member of the Tennessee legislature "whose eyes are turned to Washington" we hope he will accept it as a warning from home where he is always under "supervision."

"The voice of your Betsy is calling you, dear, It's nearly the time to make soap. And some of the women are saying, my love, I'm giving you most too much rope. They say there is desperate flirting up there, With widows and maids not a few. I haven't been kissed since the morning you left. But, Joseph, how is it with you? Come home, come home, come home, You hear me, you rascal! Come home!"

Dickson County Press:—The Governor surprised almost everyone in the appointment of a Blair bill man for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the appointment of B. M. Hord, Commissioner of Agriculture, was hardly looked for; but the greatest surprise of all, was that part of his message which speaks of distributing the surplus in the National Treasury among the States. You remember that in his canvass he claimed we had no surplus. A sudden change has come over the spirit of his dreams.

THE fate of the Indian is very much like that of the South under the "war tariff" during the last twenty-five years:

"My ancestors," said Mr. Winthrop, the new Indian agent, "came over with the Pilgrim Fathers." "And the Pilgrim Fathers," replied Old-Man-Who-Catches-On, "came over with my ancestors. It seems that you and I are twins. Shake!" And the new agent, who was pleased that he issued 400 rations for 6,000 Indians and charged the Government with 11,000, and an old Sachem named "Whip-Sawed-on-Both-Deals" said the Indians hadn't struck such a falling market since they sold Manhattan Island for \$24.—Burdette.

THE Shelbyville Commercial takes this view of the whiteness of the why: The suppliant attitude in which Gov. Taylor would place the people of Tennessee in his message, is in strange contrast with the boastful tone of his inaugural address, in which he pictured in glowing terms the great and rapid progress of the State to a high degree of wealth and prosperity. Surely a State already entering upon such a glorious career, ought not to be a beggar.

THE West Tennessee Whig in a column editorial attempts to defend the crookedness of Gov. Taylor on the Blair bill—a subject on which the editor of the Whig is surprisingly ignorant. The Whig concludes with the idiotic statement that Gov. Taylor and the Democracy of the State are in favor of "National aid for our children but not Federal supervision."

Such nonsense is only worthy of attention except to show that such men as the editor of the Whig consider the Senators and congressmen as a set of idiots who would claim the right to appropriate public money to any purpose without retaining the "Supervision" of that money and directing the manner of its appropriation. In fact the right and the duty of "Federal Supervision" is inherent in the act of appropriation, and let Gov. Taylor take either position, he convicts himself at once for either ignorance or duplicity. As for the editor of the Whig, his intentions seem kindly, he sadly lacks information. The above remarks apply equally to the statesmanship of the editors of the Humphreys County News, and Milan Exchange. The Whig, the Exchange and the News ought to hold a "Caucus" and pool their conclusions and send the result to Col. Colyar for his consideration.

Bob's Epitaph.

"O, heaven
Were man but constant, he were perfect;
That one error fills him with faults."
Oh, Chlo! Chlo!
Send dem bed c'ose home!

OUR good friend of the Dover Courier unwittingly used the wrong word when he wrote the notice of Gov. Taylor's message and said:

On the subject of education he authorizes national aid to our free school system.

Col. Colyar may have authorized something in that line last summer.

ACCORDING to Col. Louis McWhirter's statement, Prof. Smith has cultivated his Blair bill style of intellect to the utter neglect of his memory as to times and places and his own remarks. We have read somewhere that the Hindu heaven is a state of blissful forgetfulness—and we once heard a Guthrie fox-hunter say that he had trained his dog to such high, red-fox speed that it had completely ruined the power of his nose.

Tribune and Sun:— If the people of this country are to be taught to "turn their eyes to Washington" for everything, it would be better to dispense with such expensive figure heads as Governors and Legislatures, and relieve the country of the expensive machinery of State Government. The Taxes in the National treasury come out of the people just the same as State taxes do, and yet it is not difficult to find men who would rob the Treasury at Washington every day in the week, and still kick at paying a poll tax to the State.

"Amen" from all this district and away over into the tobacco counties in Southern Kentucky.

GOV. BOB TAYLOR must feel relieved now, the editor of the Dresden Enterprise proposes to "stand squarely by Gov. Taylor and his administration."

Which is why we remark that the case is very much like that of the Captain of the Sternwheel Steamboat and Axe-Handle Robison. The little steamer was trying to land—backing out and sidling in toward the wharf—when Robison's dog commenced barking at the boat. Robison, supposing the Captain was afraid to land on account of the dog, called out to him: "Land her, Captain, land her! I'll hold Lion!"

HON. JOEL B. FORT, representative from Robertson county in the Legislature, will be long and favorably remembered as chairman of the Democratic caucus which routed the Mugwumps. He now quotes poetry thus:

"My brother, this world goes 'round and 'round,
And White turns Red at a single bound."

SOMETHING PRACTICAL.

It has been suggested and we would strongly urge the adoption of the plan that our Land Company send a deputation of our influential citizens to the iron districts of Pennsylvania and interview the iron masters of that country whose furnaces are now out of blast on account of cost of production preventing them competing with the manufacturers of the South, and make known to them that we have rich fields of iron ore at our doors, plenty of coal and limestone within easy distance and splendid transportation facilities by rail or river.

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"MR. SPEAKER" I vote aye, because the message is the best Republican doctrine that ever came from a Democratic Governor.—J. Matt. Neely, Republican member.

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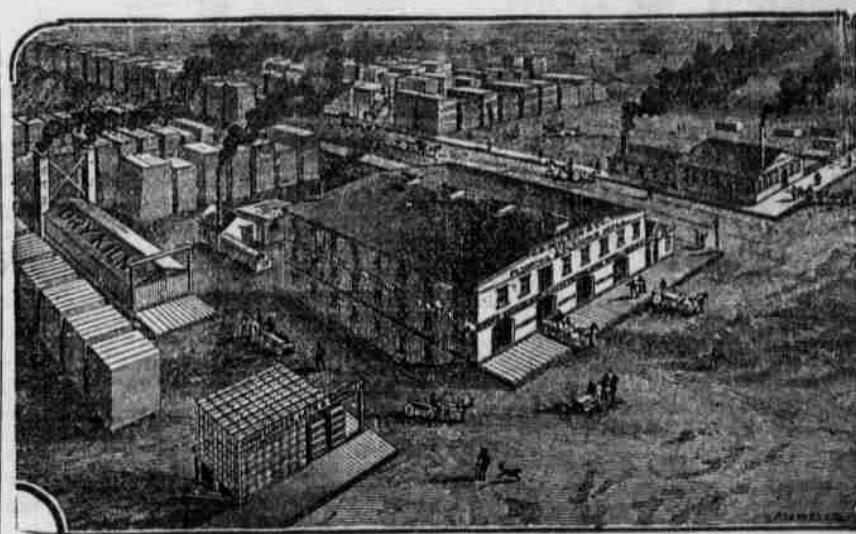
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